

UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Union Gap, Washington
September 22, 2025, Regular Meeting
MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Hodkinson called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present

Council Members Dailey, Galloway, Wentz, Fredrickson, Schilling, and Sewell were present.

Staff Present

City Manager Cobb, City Attorney Foltz, Interim Police Chief Santucci, Fire Chief Markham, Public Works & Community Development Director Cavanaugh, Finance & Administration Director Bisconer, and Civil Engineer Dominguez were present.

Audience Present

See attached list.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Sewell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated September 8, 2025, as attached to the agenda and maintained in electronic format

Claims Vouchers – EFT's, and Check No's 110984 through 111057 for September 22, 2025, in the amount of \$507,572.31

Payroll Vouchers – EFT's, and Check No. 41669, and Check No's 110987 through 110993 for the month of August 2025, in the amount of \$609,170.31

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance & Administration

Resolution No. – 25-68 –
Employment Agreement

Motion by Council Member Sewell, second by Council Member Wentz, to approve Resolution No. – 25-68 – authorizing the City Manager to sign an Employment Agreement with Dustin Soptich to be employed as the Police Chief for the City of Union Gap. Motion carried unanimously.

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Committee Reports

None.

Items from the Audience:

John Tipton addressed the Council to advise them that he is working with the central WA AG Museum in order to bring the Sons of the American Revolution's war re-enactment to Union Gap. The event would be very similar to the Civil war re-enactment that is a regularly scheduled event in Union Gap. Tipton explained that he would like to hold the event between June 6th, and June 7th 2026 to help celebrate our country's 250th. Mayor Hodkinson suggested he contact Public Works and Community development Director Cavanaugh to help reserve the park areas needed for the event.

City Manager Report

City Manager Cobb stated that he is working with staff at the Union gap School on two educational incentives. The first is recognizing potential signs of drug and gang activities in the home, and the other is a Stop Trafficking program. State law requires implementation by year 2028 for all school districts. Any costs associated with these projects will come from Fund 133; Cobb reminded Council that there would be no meeting held on Monday, September 29, 2025; Cobb introduced newly appointed Police Chief Dustin Soptich who addressed the Council to thank them for approving his employment agreement and allowing him the opportunity to work with the City of Union Gap.

Communications/Questions/
Comments

None.

Development of Next Agenda

None.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the regular meeting at 6:15 p.m.



Gregory Cobb, City Manager

ATTEST:



Lynette Bisconer, City Clerk

6:00 P.M. – September 22, 2025

(Date)

John & Loretta Tipton	9/22	10802 Occidental Rd
Dustin, Ciern, Kendall Saphen	9/22	YAKIMA 98503
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Margaret Killorn	Sept 22	108 W Pine